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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT - PACIFIC ISLAND AFFAIRS

1. OLMSTED NOMINATION MOVES FORWARD. THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AUGUST 22 REPORTED FAVORABLY ON MARY OLMSTED'S NOMINATION AS AMBASSADOR TO THE SOLOMON ISLANDS. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT FULL SENATE APPROVAL WILL BE GIVEN BEFORE THE LABOR DAY RECESS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. PNG FISHERIES OFFICER VISITS WASHINGTON. PETER WILSON, PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S CHIEF FISHERIES OFFICER, MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF NMFS, OES AND EA ON AUGUST 21. WILSON INFORMED US OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH US TUNA INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES, AND ALSO COVERED A BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES  
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DEALING WITH THE NEW SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANIZATION.(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. TUVALU INDEPENDENCE PLANS. WE WERE EXTREMELY PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE US NAVY PLANS TO SEND THE USS BENJAMIN STODDARD TO TUVALU FOR ITS INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES. SHIP VISITS OF THIS NATURE MEASURABLY ADD TO THE ADVANCEMENT

OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.  
WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF SELECTING A FORMAL GIFT FOR  
TUVALU, AND ICA ALSO PLANS TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATE

PRESENTATION. WE HAVE YET TO DETERMINE WHO WILL BE  
TRAVELING FROM WASHINGTON TO JOIN WITH AMBASSADOR  
CONDON IN REPRESENTING THE US AT THE OCTOBER 1  
CEREMONIES. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. SPC MEETING. WE HAVE RECOMMENDED TO OIC THAT THE  
US DELEGATION TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION CONFERENCE  
IN NOUMEA (OCTOBER 4-13) BE COMPOSED OF AMBASSADOR  
CONDON, ALTERNATE REP GEORGE CHAPLIN, EA/PIA DIRECTOR  
WILLIAM BODDE AND AID RDO ROBERT CRAIG. WE WILL BE  
PREPARING POSITION PAPERS SHORTLY ON THE ISSUES LIKELY  
TO BE RAISED AT THE CONFERENCE (UNCLASSIFIED).

5. MICRONESIAN VISITORS. MESSERS GAIUS NEDLIC,  
ATTAJANG PAUL, KASIANO JOESPH AND MURITOK JOSEPH  
CALLED AT THE PACIFIC ISLANDS DESK ON THE FIRST LEG  
OF THEIR IV GRANT. THEY APPEAR TO BE SERIOUSLY  
INTERESTED IN EXPLORING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES  
FOR THEIR HOME ISLANDS WHILE IN THE US. (UNCLASSIFIED).  
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